

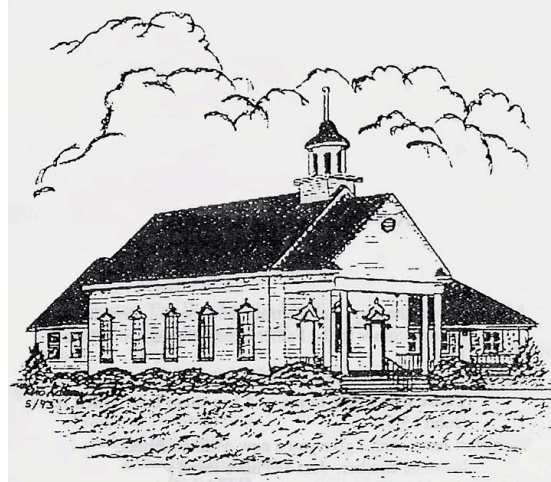
Croatan Presbyterian Church



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Sunday, The Lord's Day December 24, 2017



The mission of Croatan Presbyterian Church is to be a witness to Christ in its life, its outreach, its service, Friendship Pad in your pew. A nursery is provided during the worship service

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Come and be a part of our **Sunday School**. Our goal is biblical literacy. Coffee at 9:15, Class 9:30, Assembly 10:30. Nursery/Children's Class - Childcare Provider; Youth Class – Mike Hardison; Adult Class – Rich Boyd.

Announcements

TODAY: 9:30 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

Website: www.croatanpresbyian.com
Like us on Facebook (Croatan Presbyterian Church)
Dec. Food Emphasis for RCS – Dried Beans

Please note that the giving for the church budget is \$4,500 behind schedule.

Many thanks to all who contributed Poinsettias for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 7:00 PM (Candles, Carols and Communion). Please bring canned or boxed food wrapped in white and place them under the Chrismon Tree tonight – a Christmas Offering for RCS. The annual denominational JOY GIFT offering will be taken tonight which goes to assist retired ministers and survivors as well as denominational racial-ethnic schools.

God's Blessings Be With You At this Christmastide!

Budgeted (51 Weeks) \$70,639
Attendance Last Sunday - 60
Food Items given to date for RCS –656
Given to for Hurricane Relief - \$1,165
CROP Walk - \$560

Given (51 Weeks) \$66,033
Total Given for Special Assistance to Date -\$2,298
Clothing & Items given to date for RCS – 1,136
Given for Building Fund - \$4,035

± PRAYER LIST

Church Family: Joe/Judith Chance Mindy Moore	Helen Boyd Chris Harrison Henry Gaskins	Mary McManus Barb Krcmar Tom Hardison	Jenny Clay Gladys Lewis Eddie/Dot Wynn	Joan Weeks Roy/Kathie Ray Wanda Gaskins	Isabel Mott Joanie Williams Barb Krcmar	
Military:	David Shirk Taylor McDanel	Jose Perez Jacob Harraden	Shane Brunelle Jordan Harraden	David Huckabone	Michelle Lynch	
Friends:	Olivia Blackburn Vern Goodwin Jeanne Grushinski Sam Lewis Shannon Ellis Faye Wisely Charles Gehrki Faye Wisely	Steve Bennett Theresa Goodwin Ed Czernik Sam Edwards Floyd Suits Fam. Mindy Koochie Nicole Mott Thomas Wilkinson	Leonard Chesnutt Jerry Golden Alex Burnett Cindy Klingel Christiana Boyd Bill Brewster Catherine Baptist Stevr Marshburn	Jessica Esguarra Bruce Rowe Wally White Camen Parker Adelia Chance Fam. Joeann Crook Sue Bischoff Raymond Karamm	Paul/Heidi DeBella Jeff Collins Suzanne Gibson Kim Murdoc Avery Family Joe Chapman Anthony Freeze Mycela Blowe	Josephine Holbrook Crystal Collins Renny Andrews JDaniels Family Beasley Family Suzanne Gibson Betty Wood Fam.

CHURCH SESSION

CLASS OF 2017 Chris Williams John Trudo	Greg Golden Sylvia Potter	CLASS OF 2018 Nancy Zachewicz Brandee Ridgway	Zan Monroe James Chance	Class of 2019 Barb Krcmar Joe T. Chance
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Cradle and Preschool Roll: Ella Ridgway Cypress Rose Brunelle Cayman Shane Brunelle Collins Rae Corey
Holden Huckabone Avaleigh Michelle Huckabone

School Students

Cailae Anderson Ryan Connor Hunter Hardison Audrey Morden Mason Oliver	Anna Chance D.J. Eborn Otter Hardison Clare Morden Breanna Ridgway	Tori Chance Nate Edwards Joshua Hardison Evan Morden Quinnton Huckabone	Katie Chance Samuel Wentz Charity Boyd Amber Elliot	Adriana Suiter Bobby Lynch Lil Krcmar Abigail Oliver	Samantha Clark Brian Gooch Trey Martin Catherine Oliver
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College Students: Emily Chance (3244 Welch Hall, Raleigh, NC 28607); Jamie Hardison; Alexis Queen.

Child Care Providers Jennifer Gooch, Sandra Chance (Sundays, 9:15 am – 12:15 pm)

Youth Leaders: James/Sandra Chance; Alexis Queen; David Huckabone; Mark Krcmar; Rich Boyd

Children's Coordinator: Kim Trudo **Church Cleaner:** Sylvia Williams

Administrative Assistant: Cathy Pike **Music Director/Pianist:** Bonny Shirk **Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Boyd

Greeters Today – Robby/Joyce Corey
Ushers Today – Bob/Ruthie Andersen
Nursery Today – Sandra Chance
Children's Church Today: Cathi Miller
Worship Leader for December: Susan Boyd

Next Week – Tom/Julie Hardison
Next Week – Sharon Propst/Cathy Pike
Nest Week – Sandra Chance
Next Week – Cathy Pike
Children's Sermon: Kim Trudo

Meal Today: No Meal on Christmas Eve
Meal Next Week: No Meal – 5th Sunday

December Birthdays: 5th-EMarquez,KRay,KShucher; 7th-SWentz; 9th-BWilliams,RBoyd; 14th-RBoyd; 15th-PKillingsworth; 16th-EMorden; 17th-BLittlewood; 23rd-DJEborn, SMartin; 26th-PClark; 30th-CMiller;
December Anniversaries: 14th-D/PBennett; 19th-B/RAndersen; 20th-P/RKillingsworth; 29th-R/KHardison.

The Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*As we gather for worship, each one is invited to greet those who worship with them
And to pray in silence in preparation for the worship of G*

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: *God of grace, you chose Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things, embrace your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Choral Call To Worship

“What Can I Give Him?”

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting – lighting of the fourth candle of Advent – the candle of Dedication

(Josh and Brandee Ridgway Family)

Congregational Response - No. 249 (vs. one)

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

Leader: *Showers, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up. (Isaiah 45:8)*

People: *Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear A SON, AND SHALL NAME HIM Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

Leader: *then Mary said: Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)*

Prayer of Invocation: *God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again, keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom. Now we pray as our Lord has taught us, saying . . . Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Hymn No. 265 (vss. 1, 2, 5, 6)

“The First Noel”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (inside front cover)

*Gloria Patri – No. 813

The Morning Offering: *do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

Offertory

*Doxology – No. 815

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 251

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

A Time for the Children

“O Come Little Children”

O come, little children, o come, one and all. To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small. Then come little children, and join in the day that gladdened the world on that first Christmas Day.

WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD’S HANDS

Prayers of the People

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Confession (unison) *God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we often turn away, distracted by our own plans. There are times when we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. There are periods of aimlessness and moments of confusion about how to live as your people. Give us the wisdom of life in Christ that we might measure our lives in ways which please you. And help us to put on justice and righteousness in our daily living, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:5-25

Minister: *For the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, and for the Word of God in Scripture.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon:

“Rumblings of Things to Come”

Dr. Boyd

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

*Hymn No. 253

“Silent Night”

***Charge to the Congregation** (Minister) *Go out into the world in peace. Love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-40_*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Gloria”

**Stand as you are able.*